

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 14, 2007 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 8 and 13 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added. Claims 3-5, 10-11, and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 6-9, 12-16, and 18-19 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicants below listed representative discussed the status of the case with the Examiner on April 29, 2008 and May 5, 2008. In the interview, the Examiner stated new art references (U.S. Patent 5,959,847 and 5,940,266) have been revealed, but that the present amendments would advance this application to allowance. Without acquiescing to the affect of the references on the patentability of the previously submitted claims, Applicants have amended the claims as agreed upon to advance the application to grant.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1-2, 6-9, 12-16, and 18-19) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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Respectfully submitted,

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